
First Baptist Dyersburg • Sermon Notes

I Will Put My Hope In God!

Sunday, August 31, 2025
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Psalm 42

For the choir director: A psalm of the descendants of Korah.

- ¹ As the deer longs for streams of water,
so I long for you, O God.
- ² I thirst for God, the living God.
When can I go and stand before him?
- ³ Day and night I have only tears for food,
while my enemies continually taunt me, saying,
“Where is this God of yours?”
- ⁴ My heart is breaking
as I remember how it used to be:
I walked among the crowds of worshipers,
leading a great procession to the house of God,
singing for joy and giving thanks
amid the sound of a great celebration!
- ⁵ Why am I discouraged?
Why is my heart so sad?
I will put my hope in God!
I will praise him again—
my Savior and ⁶ my God!

- **When I am walking through seasons of _____
in my life – times that may prevent me from the
_____ worship of God, I will still put my
_____ in God and offer my _____ to Him.**

Now I am deeply discouraged,
but I will remember you—
even from distant Mount Hermon, the source of the Jordan,
from the land of Mount Mizar.

⁷ I hear the tumult of the raging seas
as your waves and surging tides sweep over me.

⁸ But each day the LORD pours his unfailing love upon me,
and through each night I sing his songs,
praying to God who gives me life.

⁹ “O God my rock,” I cry,
 “Why have you forgotten me?
Why must I wander around in grief,
 oppressed by my enemies?”
¹⁰ Their taunts break my bones.
 They scoff, “Where is this God of yours?”

¹¹ Why am I discouraged?
 Why is my heart so sad?
I will put my hope in God!
 I will praise him again—
 my Savior and my God!

- **Even though I feel like I am _____
in my current situation, I will still _____ and
_____ to the God who gives me _____, and
who is my _____.**

Psalm 43

¹ Declare me innocent, O God!
 Defend me against these ungodly people.
 Rescue me from these unjust liars.
² For you are God, my only safe haven.
 Why have you tossed me aside?
Why must I wander around in grief,
 oppressed by my enemies?
³ Send out your light and your truth;
 let them guide me.
Let them lead me to your holy mountain,
 to the place where you live.
⁴ There I will go to the altar of God,
 to God—the source of all my joy.
I will praise you with my harp,
 O God, my God!

⁵ Why am I discouraged?
 Why is my heart so sad?
I will put my hope in God!
 I will praise him again—
 my Savior and my God!

- **When I feel _____ by people and God, I
will continue to go before Him in _____,**

asking Him to _____ me with His light (the Holy Spirit) and His truth (the Word of God). God is the source of all my _____!

**Why am I discouraged?
Why is my heart so sad?**

**I will put my hope in God!
I will praise him again—
my Savior and my God!**